

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2005, the American Diabetes Association will sponsor American Diabetes Alert Day to highlight the seriousness of diabetes and to reach the 2,500 Alexandria residents who have diabetes and do not know it; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria has 7,000 residents who have diabetes, a disease that can lead to kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, and blindness, and is the leading cause of limb amputations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, if left untreated, people with undiagnosed diabetes may not find out they have the disease until they are in the hospital with failing kidneys, heart attack or other diabetic complications; and

WHEREAS, by answering seven simple questions developed by the American Diabetes Association, residents of Alexandria can determine if they are at high risk for developing diabetes; and

WHEREAS, early detection of diabetes can save limbs and lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council do hereby proclaim March 22, 2005, as:

"AMERICAN DIABETES ALERT DAY"

in Alexandria, Virginia, and call upon all the residents of this great city to take the diabetes risk test and get their friends to do so as well in an effort to save countless lives from the ravages of diabetes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 8th day of March 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk